

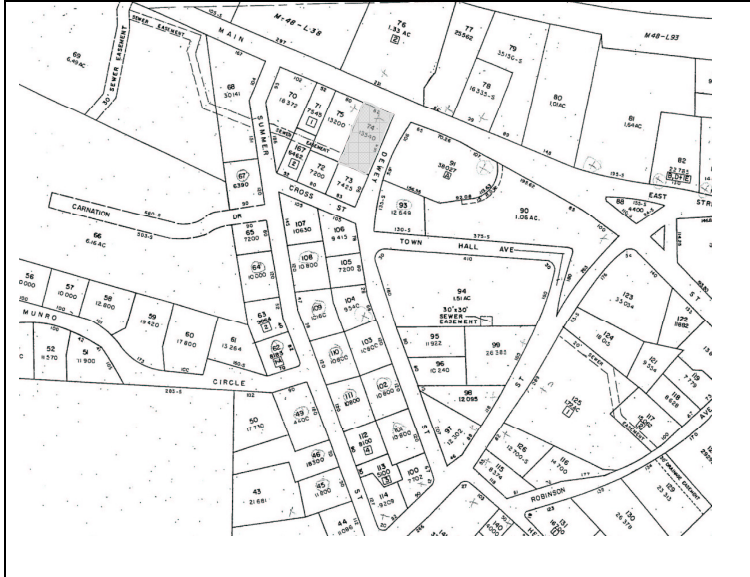
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
 Tewksbury Center

Address: 975 Main Street

Historic Name: Everett & Abby Taylor House

Uses: Present: Tewksbury Funeral Home
 Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1896

Source: Vital Records

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Brick

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: Fair

Moved: no |X| yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.31 Acres

Setting: Located near the village center on the edge between a primarily commercial area along a major travel corridor to Lowell (Main Street) and a primarily residential area along Dewey and Summer Streets.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBUY

975 MAIN STREET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Queen Anne dwelling at 975 Main Street is two-and-a-half stories in height. The three by three bay building rests on a brick foundation. The hip roof building rests on a square foundation. A one story ell projects from the south side of the dwelling while a two-and-a-half story rectangular bay projects from the northeast corner of the dwelling. The central entrance is a panel door flanked by half-height sidelights. The entry is flanked by a mid-20th century portico with round columns supporting a cantilevered roof. The hip roof of the main building is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A triangular-shaped dormer is centrally located above the main entrance below. Fenestration includes 2/2 and 1/1 sash windows, and a pair of narrow 1/1 sash windows above the entry door. A narrow brick chimney projects from the ridge of the hip roof.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

In 1896 Enoch Foster, who owned a large estate at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets sold the lot occupied by 975 Main Street to Abby Taylor. Abby was the wife of Everett Taylor, a blacksmith from Calais, Maine.

In the 1950s the house was converted for use as a funeral home by Walter Deputat.

Additional owners: William T Lewis, was a surveyor for a lumber mill, & Ada Lewis (1910-1922); Hiram & Mabel Kennedy (1922-1946); George & Mabel Marshall (1946-1956); Walter J & Gloria Deputat (1956-1984); Joel Deputat (1984-2009).

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